

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Pharmacy Aides (31-9095)**

Associated Occupation: **Pharmacy Technicians (29-2052)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

Focus Occupation: Pharmacy Aides (31-9095)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	16.7	16.6	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Mathematics	9.2	11.2	9.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	11.1	11.9	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	11.1	12.4	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	8.5	6.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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Associated Occupation: Pharmacy Technicians (29-2052)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Service Orientation	7.9	10.0	9.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	8.3	6.9	<	A higher skill level may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Near Vision	11.1	13.9	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.5	11.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.4	8.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	8.9	6.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	8.6	7.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	8.4	6.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Accept prescriptions for filling	95
Compound pharmaceuticals or medical preparations	92
Inventory medical supplies or instruments	67
Inventory stock to ensure adequate supplies	65
Label pharmaceutical supplies	95
Maintain dental or medical records	64
Measure, weigh, or count products or materials	17
Provide customer service	14
Stock or organize goods	70
Use cash registers	70
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use telephone communication techniques	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Calculating machines and accessories	3
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Data management and query software	1
Laboratory blending and dispersing and homogenizing equipment and supplies	27
Laboratory enclosures and accessories	17
Pharmaceutical industry machinery and equipment and supplies	31

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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